
Introduced Version

**HOUSE
RESOLUTION No. _30_**

Introduced by: Fry

A RESOLUTION honoring the Penn High School Spell Bowl Team.

Whereas, The Hoosier Academic Spell Bowl is a statewide competition;

Whereas, The team is open to freshmen, sophomores, juniors, and seniors;

Whereas, Unlike spelling bees, Spell Bowl participants write the words on answer sheets in rounds consisting of nine words; they do not spell out loud, and each team member

20042548



contributes to a team score;

Whereas, The Penn High School Spell Bowl Team is the 2003 Class One Hoosier Spell Bowl State Co-Champions for the second consecutive year;

Whereas, Spell Bowl team members Cari Carson, Yeona Chun, Cecile Lee, Sarah Han, Ashika David, Aamod Samuel, Kavya Vaidyanathan, Anyaliese Hancock, Jasmyn Russell, Melissa Siedenstrang, Diana Zhao, Shonna Ware, Andy Roberts, Kevin Cheng, Ashley Harlacher, Virginia Johnson, Jenny DeVito, Brianna Collins, Josh Kelter, Monsu Mathew, Sandeep Chennikara, Amanda Collins, Mike McGinnis, Vik Rao, Brittany Collins, Brenda Roberts, Dan Kish, and Sarah Kiefer have enjoyed an outstanding season finishing with a 75-0-1 record, winning all five invitationals in which they competed and scoring a perfect 90 at the regional competition, the highest score of all 200 schools in the state;

Whereas, The Penn spellers have five consecutive state championships (1999-2003) and six consecutive regional titles (1998-2003) making them the only academic or athletic team in Penn High School history to win five straight state championships;

Whereas, The Penn state team has not lost to an opponent since 1998, winning first place at 28 consecutive competitions since 1999;

Whereas, The Penn senior spellers were the first team in school history to win a state championship in all four years of their participation on the team;

Whereas, Two senior members of the team have outstanding records: Cari Carson finished four years on the team with a perfect 171/171 words and Kavya Vaidyanathan set the school career Spell Bowl scoring record by correctly spelling 205/207 words in four years on the varsity team; and

Whereas, Academic excellence such as this deserves special



recognition: Therefore,

*Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the
General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

- 1 SECTION 1. That the Indiana House of Representatives
2 congratulates the Penn High School Spell Bowl team on its recent
3 victory and wishes the team continued success in future competitions.
4 SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of
5 Representatives transmit a copy of this resolution to the members of the
6 Penn High School Spell Bowl Team, their coach, principal, and
7 superintendent.

